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**Request  
for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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Application Number	10/553,700-Conf. #1998
Filing Date	October 17, 2005
First Named Inventor	Atsushi Murashima
Art Unit	2626
Examiner Name	D. D. Abebe
Attorney Docket Number	G0126.0242

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 [Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).]

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Enter Amendment filed: \_\_\_\_\_ September 5, 2007

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Submission      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

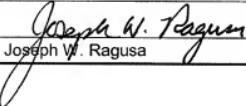
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Signature		Date	December 6, 2007
Name (Print/Type)	Joseph W. Ragusa	Registration No.	38,586